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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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27/11/2008: The VooDoo Contest Group will enter the CQ World-Wide CW contest on November 29-30th from the Hotel Camayenne, Conakry, Guinea, as 3X5A in the multi-multi category. This will be the group's 15th straight year in multi-multi from West Africa and our 20th straight year participating in CQWWCW. In the 2007 contest 3X5A won this category, first place world, our 6th outright win. This will be our second visit to 3X5A. We will have our usual 8-9 British and American operators, seven one-KW stations and a dozen antennas. We will also be active as 3X5A (no personal call-signs) before the contest, including WARC bands and maybe some RTTY. QSL manager: G3SXW, direct (qrz.com) or e-mail to g3sxw at btinternet.com for a bureau reply, or paper QSL via bureau; also LoTW. No QSLing rules: just normal practice. More information at: voodoocontestgroup.com/ [K1XN]

27/11/2008: Operators Vlad/UN9LW, Willy/RN4WA and Igor/UA9CDC will be on a small scale DXpedition to Sun Island, North Male Atoll (count for WLOTA LH-3911), Maldive Islands (IOTA OC-013) from around November 27th to December 1st, using the call sign 8Q7DV. They will try to put up our 160/80m antenna but there is no guarantee. Their focus will be on the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-? entry. With a bit of luck they should be on all bands in the contest. QSL via UA9CLB. [NG3K]

27/11/2008: Matthias, DK4YJ and Christoph, DK9TN will be active from Chalet Wanni, Masescha (1350 masl, WW Loc. JN47SD), Liechtenstein, November 27-30th signing HB0/homecall. During the CQWW DX CW Contest Matthias, HB0/DK4YJ will be a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry, while Christoph, HB0/DK9TN will a be Single-Op/Single-Band (80m) entry. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

27/11/2008: Look for JS6RRR, JI3DST/JS6 and/or JI3DST/6 to be QRV from the Miyako Islands (AS-079) between November 27th and December 2nd, CQ WW DX CW Contest included. QSL via bureau. [425 DX News]

28/11/2008: Vic, LY1A will be active vacation style from Chaaya Reef Ellaidhoo (WW Loc. MJ64LA), North Ari Atoll (WLOTA LH-0317), Maldive Islands (AS-013), from November 28th to December 4th. Focus will be on the low bands and also the CQWW DX CW Contest. QSL via his home call. [NG3K]

28/11/2008: Toshi, JA8BMK plans to be active from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati (OC-043) from November 28th for about one week. QRV all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, BPSK31 and SSTV. Equipment: FT-897D and HL-1.2Kfx. Antenna/Vert, yagi and Inv V. QSL via home call, direct only. [NG3K]

30/11/2008: Andy/UN8GU and Mike/UN8GC will be active as 8Q7GU and 8Q7GC from South Ari Atoll (WLOTA LH-0317), Maldive Islands (AS-013) between November 30th and December 7th. They plan to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 meters. More information will be available at www.8q7gc.com/ and www.8q7gu.com/ after 29 November. [425 DX News]

30/11/2008: Herbert, DE1ZHB/7Z1HB, will be active as Z21LS from Harare, Zimbabwe, between November 30th and December 9th. Herbert reports that he prefers 20 meters SSB, but basically he will be all bands. He also mentioned that if he a can fix his computer there will be PSK and RTTY. There is another issue Herbert mentioned which is his antenna. Right now it is only a windom all bands antenna, but at the Riyadh Airport there is a StepperIR antenna waiting for clearance. If it can make clearance in time, he will install it permanently in Zimbabwe

(However, he states time is runnig out). QSL via DE1ZHB by the bureau, or direct to 7Z1HB: Herbert Baurmann, Jadawel International, P.O. Box 61539, Riyadh 11575, Villa 408, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (SAE plus 2 green stamps). [OPDX Bulletin]

02/12/2008: Look for 5K0T and HK0/HK3JJH to be active from Bajo Nuevo (NA-132) between December 2-6th. The four person DXpedition will focus on low band operation, especially 160 meters, and will be operated by George/AA7JV, Tomi/HA7RY, Pedro/HK3JJH and Fero/HA8MT. The group will operate two stations from 160 to 6m. Electric power will be supplied by two generators. One will supply 120V and the other 230V for the amplifiers. 2 battery chargers and 4 batteries serve as backup. The radios will be a Elecraft K3, an Icom IC-746PRO and a IC-706. They will have a Tokyo H.power amplifier with a homemede 2kW auto tuner and a SGC 500W amplifier with a matching auto tuner. Antennas will be solely verticals mounted over salt water. We will bring two 18m and two 12m Spiderpoles. Six meter antenna will be DuneStar Rover 6 Quad. QSL 5K0T via HA7RY either direct or via bureau. QSL HK0/HK3JJH via home call, direct or bureau. Further information and log search at www.5k0t.com/ [K1XN]

03/12/2008: Jerry, WA2TII will be QRV as KP2/WA2TII from the KP2M Radio Reef QTH on St. Croix Island (USi VI-002S, WLOTA LH-2477, WW Loc. FK77PR), US Virgin Islands (NA-106), from December 3-9th. There is a strong possibility that he will enter the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (December 5-7th). QSL via home call. [Radio Reef Web]

04/12/2008: Sara/VU3RSB, Frank/VU3FRK (DL4KQ), Kumar/VU2BGS and Bapuji/VU3KET will be active as AT2RS from Nachugunta Island, Krishna District, in the Andhra Pradesh South State Group (AS-199, new one) December 4th and 7th. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-10 meters (30m excluded) with 2-3 stations, with yagis, dipoles and verticals. QSL via W3HNK (North and South America) and DL4KQ (rest of the world), direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

04/12/2008: Adhi, YB3MM will be QRV as YB3MM/9 from the radio station of Ferdy (YC9MKF) Kupang city, Timor Island (OC-148, WLOTA LH-1808) from December 4-7th. Holiday style operation, mostly on the 20 meter band. If conditions are ok, Adhi will try to QRV from Semau Island (OC-241, LH-2891). QSL via IZ8CCW, direct or bureau. [K1XN]

05/12/2008: Dr. Helmuth Spieler W6KDX will be returning to work on the South Pole Telescope at the US Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station (IOTA AN-016, AA K-08, WAP USA-21) from December 5th to January 5th. He hopes to re-activate KC4AAA in his spare time on SSB in the vicinity of 14.243 MHz. Please direct any inquries to KC4AAA2008 -at- gmail.com . QSL via K1IED. To learn about the exciting South Pole Telescope project, visit pole.uchicago.edu/ [K2ARB]

05/12/2008: Paul, A35RK reports that he will be active as KH8/KK6H, from Larry's (AH8LG) QTH on Tutuila Island (OC-045, USi AS-007S), December 5-9th. Activity will be CW and SSB. This will be a 'casual' operation, but he will listen for Europe at local sunset (UTC+12), on 20m....that should be about 0600-0700Z, and should be a pretty good grayline path. The Americas should be easy just about anytime during local daylight hours, on 20 or 17m. QSL via W7TSQ or LoTW. [OPDX Bulletin]

05/12/2008: Curt, W3HQ will be active as KP4/W3HQ from Puerto Rico (NA-099, USi PR-006S, WLOTA LH-2802) for the ARRL 160 Meter Contest (December 5-7th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via W3HQ, bureau preferred or via VK4AAR. [NG3K]

05/12/2008: Ken, K6TA, will be active from the island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA LH-0033, WW Loc. FK52AM) as P40TA during the ARRL 160 Meter Contest (December 5-7th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW, or to WM6A, bureau preferred. [OPDX Bulletin]

05/12/2008: Sara/VU3RSB, Frank/VU3FRK (DL4KQ), 2 more Indian Amateurs will activate a new Indian IOTA Group from December 5-7th, for 72 hours. This new IOTA will be the Andhra Pradesh South State Group (AS-199). They plan to have 2 stations (probably occasionally 3rd) operating CW and SSB on 80-10 meters. Unfortunately NO 30m operation possible (special permit needed) due to Indian Ham laws. Equipment will be Elecraft K2/100, Elecraft K3/100, ICOM IC7000 with Yagis, dipoles and verticals. This activation requires a long voyage through/to Indian boondocks - start/end of operation may slightly vary. QSL via W3HNK, direct or bureau, for

North and South America. QSL via DL4KQ, direct or bureau, for rest of the world. [VU3FRK/DL4KQ]

05/12/2008: Art, N3DXX reports that he will be active from Prince Edward Island (NA-029, CIsA PE-00) for the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (December 5-7th) using the call sign VY2/N3DXX as a Single-Op entry. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

05/12/2008: Tom, KC0W/ZD7X will be active from Cambodia as XU7XXX during the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (December 5-7th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via KC0W, direct only. Tom reports that after his stay in Cambodia he plans on activating Laos and Viet Nam for an extended DXpedition of up to 3 months in each country.[NG3K]

05/12/2008: Bruce, XW1B will be QRV from "The Farm" 38km N. of Vientiane, Laos, during the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (December 5-7th). No entry class was given. QSL via E21EIC, direct or by the bureau. [NG3K]

05/12/2008: Alex, YV5SSB will be active from Caracas, Venezuela, as YW5CQ during the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (December 5-7th) as a High-Power entry. QSL via IT9DAA, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

The following stations have announced their participation in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30, 2008):

3V8SS Tunisia Zone 33 S/S-LP QSL QRZ.com
3X5A Guinea Zone 35 M/M QSL G3SXW (D/B)
4F1AL Philippines Zone 27 SOSB QSL 4F1AL
4L0A Georgia Zone 21 M/S QSL EA7FTR (D)
5B4AII Cyprus Zone 20 SOAB QSL RW3RN (D/B)
5C5T Morocco Zone 33 M/S-LP QSL EA5YU (D/B)
5K0T Serrana Bank Zone 07 M/? QSL HA7RY (D/B)
5X1NH Uganda Zone 37 SOAB QSL G3RWF (D/B)
6V7N Senegal Zone 35 SOABLP QSL DL1EFD (D/B)
6Y1V Jamaica Zone 08 M/? QSL OH3RB (D)
8P5A Barbados Zone 08 SOABHP QSL NN1N (D/B)
8Q7DV Maldives Zone 22 M/? QSL UA9CLB (D/B)
8Q7RW Maldives Zone 22 QSL LY1A
8Q7SC Maldives Zone 22 SOABLP QSL LoTW
9J3A Zambia Zone 36 SOABLP QSL S53A (D/B)
9M2CNC West Malaysia Zone 28 SOABHP QSL G4ZFE (D/B)
9M6/N2BB East Malaysia Zone 28 SO QSL MD0CCE (D)
9M6NA East Malaysia Zone 28 SOAB QSL JE1JKL (d/B)
AH0BT Marianas Zone 27 SOABHP QSL 7L1FPU (D/B)
AH2R Guam Zone 27 M/S QSL JH7QXJ (D/B)
AH6XX Hawaii Zone 31 M/2 QSL K2WR (D/B)
B4TB China Zone 24 M/S QSL BA4TB (D/B)
C4N Cyprus Zone 20 M/S QSL W3HNK (D/B)
C6AKX Bahamas Zone 08 SOSB20m QSL WA4WTG (D/B)
C6AQQ Bahamas Zone 08 SOSB40mLP QSL ND3F (D/B)
C6ARR Bahamas Zone 08 SOSB160m QSL WA4WTG (D/B)
C6ATA Bahamas Zone 08 SOSB80mLP QSL WA4WTG (D/B)
C8WW Mozambique Zone 37 SOSB40m QSL UY5LW (D)
C91LW Mozambique Zone 37 SOSB40m QSL UY5LW (D)
CN2M Morocco Zone 33 SOSB QSL HP1WW (B)
CN2R Morocco Zone 33 SOSB QSL W7EJ (D/B)
CO6LP Cuba Zone 08 SOABLP QSL CO6LP (D)
CO8ZZ Cuba Zone 08 SOSB20m QSL DK1WI (D/B)
CS9M Madeira Zone 33 SOAB QSL LoTW
CT9L Madeira Zone 33 M/M QSL DJ6QT (D/B)
CU2X Azores Zone 14 SOABHPQSL OH2BH (D/B)

CW5W Uruguay Zone 13 M/S QSL CX6VM (D)
CW7T Uruguay Zone 13 SOABHP QSL K5WW (D)
D4C Cape Verde Zone 35 M-2 QSL CT1ESV (B), IZ4DPV (D)
E21EIC Thailand Zone 26 SOLP QSL E21EIC (D/B)
E77CFG Bosnia-Herzegovina Zone 15 SOSB160mLP QSL E72U (D/B/LoTW/eQSL)
EA6IB Balearic Islands Zone 14 SOSB40m QSL EA6IB (D/B)
EE2W Spain Zone 14 M/? QSL EB2BXL (D/B)
EF8M Canary Islands Zone 33 M/2 QSL OH1RY (D/B)
ER0/UT0FT Moldova Zone 16 SOAB QSL UT0FT (QRZ.com)
ER0FEO Moldova Zone 16 SOAB QSL UU0JM (QRZ.com)
ER0WW Moldova Zone 16 SOABHP QSL UT3UA (D/B)
EY8MM Tajikistan Zone 17 SOSB80m QSL K1BV (D/B)
FJ/WJ2O St. Barthelemy Zone 08 SOABLP QSL HC (D)
FK8IF New Caledonia Zone 32 SO QSL QRZ.com
FM/F5IRO Martinique Zone 08 SOABLP QSL Homecall (D/B)
FY5KE French Guiana Zone 09 SOABLP QSL FY1FL (D/B)
GU4YOX Guernsey Zone 14 SOSB40mLP QSL D/B
H7/K9GY Nicaragua Zone 07 SOABLP QSL Homecall (D)
HB0/DK4YJ Liechtenstein Zone 14 SOSB40m QSL Homecall (D/B)
HB0/DK9TN Liechtenstein Zone 14 SOSB80m QSL Homecall (D/B)
HC5WW Ecuador Zone 10 SOLP QSL JA6VU (D)
HD2M Ecuador Zone 10 QSL SM6FKF (D/B)
HP1RIS Panama Zone 07 SOSB10m QSL QRZ.com
HR2/LT0E Honduras Zone 07 SOABLP QSL HQ2LAS (D/B/eQSL)
IG9W African Italy Zone 33 SOSB40m QSL IZ1GAR (D/B)
IG9X African Italy Zone 33 SOSB80m QSL IK1QBT (D/B)
IH9M African Italy Zone 33 SOSB QSL IK7JWY (D/LoTW)
IR9X Sicily Zone 15 SO QSL LoTW
IR9Y Sicily Zone 15 M/S QSL IT9ABY (D/B)
J3/DL5AXX Grenada Zone 08 SOAB QSL Homecall (D/B)
J49I Crete Zone 20 M/S QSL IK0EFR (D/B)
J49XF Crete Zone 20 SOAB QSL G3URA (D/B)
J68VV St. Lucia Zone 08 SOAB QSL K5WW (D/B)
J88DR St. Vincent Zone 08 SOABLP QSL G3TBK (D/B)
JT1CD Mongolia Zone 23 SOABHP QSL D/B
JT1DA Mongolia Zone 23 SOSB40mHP QSL QRZ.com
JU1DX Mongolia Zone 23 M/S QSL QRZ.com
KG6DX Guam Zone 27 SOABHP-assisted QSL D/LoTW
KH6/NE1RD Hawaii Zone 31 SOAPLP QSL Homecall (D/B)
KP2B US Virgin Islands Zone 08 SOAB QSL EA7FTR (D)
KP2M US Virgin Islands Zone 08 M-2 QSL AI4U (D/B)
KP4EE Puerto Rico Zone 08 SOAB QSL OK1DOT (D/B)
LN3Z Norway Zone 14 M/S QSL LA9VDA (D/B)
LS1D Argentina Zone 13 M/S QSL LW9EOC (D)
LU8YE Argentina Zone 13 M/S or M/2 QSL EA7FTR (D)
LX7I Luxembourg Zone 14 M-2 QSL LX2A (D/B)
LY7A Lithuania Zone 15 M/M QSL LY2ZO (D)
LZ9W Bulgaria Zone 20 M/M QSL LZ1PM (D/B)
OG50F Finland Zone 15 M-2 QSL OH1NOA (B)
OH0/OH2LRE Aland Zone 15 SOAB QSL HC (D/B)
OH0I Aland Zone 15 SOSB10m QSL OH3BHL (D/B)
OH0X Aland Zone 15 SOSB QSL OH2TA (D/B)
OH0Z Aland Zone 15 SOABHP QSL W0MM (D/B)
OH2BH Finland Zone 15 SOSBHP QSL D/B
OH8X Finland Zone 15 SOABHP QSL OH2UA (D/B)
OP4K Belgium Zone 14 M/S QSL ON4JZ (D/B)

OX5AA Greenland Zone 40 M-2 QSL G3TXF (D/B)
P40Q Aruba Zone 09 SOABLP QSL K0DQ (D/B)
P40W Aruba Zone 09 SOAB QSL N2MM (D)
PJ2T Curacao Zone 09 M-2 QSL N9AG (D/B)
PJ4A Bonaire Zone 09 MO QSL K4BAI (D/B)
PZ5TT Suriname Zone 09 SOABHP QSL VE3DZ (D/B)
RA9A Asiatic Russia Zone 17 M/S QSL RK9AWN (D/B)
RK2FWA Kaliningrad Zone 15 M/S QSL DK4VW (D/B)
RL3A European Russia Zone 16 M/S QSL W3HNK (D/B)
RT9W Asiatic Russia Zone 16 M/S QSL RZ9WWH (D/B)
SN1I Poland Zone 15 M/S QSL SP1NQF (D/B)
SV9CVY Crete Zone 20 SOABHP QSL D/B
SX5R Dodecanese Zone 20 SOSB15/HP QSL SV5DKL (D)
T88CJ Belau Zone 27 SOAB QSL HA7TM (D/B)
TA3KZ Turkey Zone 20 M/S QSL TA3KZ (D/B)
TC4X Asian Turkey Zone 20 M/? QSL OH2BH (D/B)
TF3CW Iceland Zone 40 SOSB40m QSL LX1NO (D/B)
TM2S France Zone 14 M/S QSL F5PED (D/B)
TM4Q France Zone 14 M/S QSL F6FYA (D/B)
TO2HI Guadeloupe Zone 08 QSL F6AUS (D/B)
TO3R Reunion Zone 39 MS QSL RW3RN (D)
TO4X St. Martin Zone 08 M/? QSL KQ1F (D/B)
TO5X Martinique Zone 08 TBA QSL K5UN (D/B)
UN4L Kazakhstan Zone 17 SOSB8OmHP QSL QRZ.com
V26K Antigua Zone 08 SOABLP QSL AA3B (D/B)
V47NT St Kitts & Nevis Zone 08 SOABHP QSL W2RQ (D/B)
VC6R Canada Zone 04 QSL VE6SV (D/B)
VK8NSB Australia Zone 29 SOAB QSL VK6NE (D/B)
VK9AA Cocos-Keeling Zone 29 SOAB QSL DL8YR (D/B)
VP2MDG Montserrat Zone 08 SOAB QSL K2DM (D/B)
VP5W Turks & Caicos Zone 08 M/S QSL W7TSQ (D/B)
VP9I Bermuda Zone 05 SO QSL QRZ.com
VU2PAI India Zone 22 SOAB QSL QRZ.com
VU2PTT India Zone 22 SOAB QSL QRZ.com
XU7XXX Cambodia Zone 26 SOABLP QSL KC0W (D)
XV4BX Vietnam Zone 26 SOABLP QSL HB9BXE (D/B)
XW1B Laos Zone 26 SOAB QSL E21EIC (D/B)
YB0DPO Indonesia Zone 28 SOABLP QSL TBA
YE1ZAT Indonesia Zone 28 M/S QSL Buro
YM0T Kefken Island Zone 20 SOSB160m QSL TA2RC (D)
YM3A Asian Turkey Zone 20 M-2 QSL LZ1NK (D/B)
YN2Z Nicaragua Zone 07 QSL K9ZO (D/LoTW)
YS4RR El Salvador Zone 07 SOABLP QSL K9GY (D/LoTW)
YW4D Venezuela Zone 09 SOAB QSL EA7JX (D)
Z37M Macedonia Zone 15 M-2 QSL D/B
ZC4VJ Cyprus (UK Souvereign Bases) Zone 20 SOSB QSL Direct
ZF2AM Cayman Islands Zone 08 SOAB QSL K6AM (D/B)
ZM2M New Zealand Zone 32 M/S-HP QSL ZL2AL QRZ.com
ZM4A New Zealand Zone 32 M/S QSL QRZ.com
ZP0R Paraguay Zone 11 SOAB QSL ZP5AZL (D)
ZS4TX South Africa Zone 38 SOABHP QSL LoTW

D = Direct only; B = Bureau; D/B = Direct or Bureau

Be sure to check Bill's (NG3K) Web site for updated CQWW DX CW Contest activity at:
ng3k.com/Misc/cqc2008.html Good Luck to everyone!
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LOOKING AHEAD -

03/12/2008: Jerry, WA2TII will be QRV as KP2/WA2TII from the KP2M Radio Reef QTH on St. Croix Island (USi VI-002S, LH-2477, WW Loc. FK77PR), US Virgin Islands (NA-106), from December 3-9th. There is a strong possibility that he will enter the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (December 5-7th). QSL via home call. [Radio Reef Web]

24/12/2008: Nao, NY6X plans to be active as KP2/NY6X from the KP2M Radio Reef QTH on St. Croix Island (USi VI-002S, WLOTA LH-2477, WW Loc. FK77PR), US Virgin Islands (NA-106), from December 3-9th. There is a strong possibility that he will enter the Stew Perry Topband Challenge (December 27-28th). QSL via home call. [Radio Reef Web]

01/01/2009: Special event station DR09ANT (WAP-156) with 'DOK IPY' will be aired from January 1st to December 31st, from various stations located in Oberbayern (Upper Bavaria), Germany, to celebrate International Polar Year. DR09ANT (WAP-156) will also be QRV for the 6th Antarctic Activity Week (AAW) February 16-22nd. QSL via DL5MHQ, direct or by the DARC Bureau. [DL8FA]

05/01/2009: Neil, WD8CRT will be active again as V73NS from the island of Roi-Namur (Grid RJ39), Kwajalein Atoll (OC-028), Marshall Islands. He should start around January 5th and remain there for at least two years. Expect him to operate mostly CW on 160-6 meters. QSL via bureau or direct to Neil Schwanitz, Box 8341, APO, AP 96557, USA. His web site can be found at www.qsl.net/v73ns/ [MMMonVHF]

23/01/2009: Look for Bruce, XW1B to be active from Vientiane, Laos during the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (January 23-25th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via E21EIC, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

12/02/2009: John/KX7YT and Rob/N1KEZ will be active from VP5JM's Hamlet on Providenciales Island (NA-002) as VP5/homecall from February 12-15th, including an entry in the CQWW RTTY Contest (February 14-15th). QSL via home calls.

21/02/2009: Dave, WJ2O will be active from Providenciales Island (NA-002) as VP5/WJ2O from February 18-25th, including a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) using the call sign VP5DF. QSL via WJ2O. [NG3K]

21/02/2009: Bruce, XW1B will be active from Vientiane, Laos during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (?) entry. QSL via E21EIC, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

03/03/2009: John, W5JON, will be active as J6/W5JON from Marigot Bay (WW Loc. FK93LX), island of St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA LH-1336) between March 3-11th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters SSB using dipoles and 6m yagi. Also, look for activity in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th). QSL via home call. [rsgbiota.org]

25/03/2009: John, W5JON, will be active as J6/W5JON from Marigot Bay (WW Loc. FK93LX), island of St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA LH-1336), between March 25th to April 2nd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters SSB using dipoles and 6m yagi. Also, look for activity in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th). QSL via W5JON. [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

27/11/2008: Operators Peter/PA8A, Fred/PA8F and Rob/PA3GVI will once again activate the big array, formerly used to broadcast "Radio Netherlands", with the special call sign PG6G between 1200z, November 27th and 1200z, November 28th. The array antenna is a curtain antenna with 8 stacked dipoles between two 400 feet towers. Radiation angle is about 7 degrees and a gain of approximate 22 dB!! Their activity will be on CW and SSB, mainly on 40 meters. QSL via PA3GVI, direct or bureau. See a video from their last visit at:
http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=3vE1zk60v3E [OPDX Bulletin]

29/11/2008: From November 29th to December 12th, the Tourcoing Radio Club Didier Gaud? (F9LD sk) will be on the air, signing the special call sign TM8T. This activity is part of the

Telethon, an International event for which the goal is to collect funds for the research against genetic deceases. Special QSL and award for your contact. Send 5 Euros or 8 USD and an A4 self addressed envelope with postage for 250 grams to: Derycke Jean Pierre (F6BDM), 87 Avenue Roger Salengro, 59170 Croix, FRANCE. [F5NQL]

01/12/2008: Special event station R70B will be active from December 1-15th to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the city of Belovo, the Kemerovo region. QSL via RA9UT, bureau preferred. A special 'Belovo-70' award will be available. Further information on this event and relevant award can be found at: www.qrz.ru/awards/detail/503.html [UA9UAX]

04/12/2008: ZY7EAM will be active December 4-7th to celebrate the Sailor Day. Plans are to operate CW and SSB on 160-10 meters. QSL via PY7GK, bureau preferred. [425 DX News]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

27/11-01/12 8Q7DV: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL UA9CLB (d/b)
27/11-02/12 C6AQQ: New Providence (Nassau) WLOTA:1115 QSL ND3F (d/b)
28/11-04/12 8Q7RW: Ari Atoll WLOTA:0317 QSL LY1A (d/b)
29/11-30/11 4F1AL: Luzon Island WLOTA:0081 QSL QRZ.com
29/11-30/11 5B4AII: Cyprus Island (main) WLOTA:0051 QSL RW3RN (d/b)
29/11-30/11 6Y1V: Jamaika Island WLOTA:0214 QSL OH3RB (d)
29/11-30/11 8P5A: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL NN1N (d/b)
29/11-30/11 AH6XX: Oahu Island (Honolulu) WLOTA:1227 QSL K2WR (d/b)
29/11-30/11 C4N: Cyprus Island (main) WLOTA:0051 QSL W3HNK (d/b)
29/11-30/11 CO6LP: Cuba Island (main) WLOTA:0032 QSL CO6LP (d)
29/11-30/11 CO8ZZ: Cuba Island (main) WLOTA:0032 QSL DK1WI (d/b)
29/11-30/11 CS9M: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL LoTW
29/11-30/11 CT9L: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL DJ6QT (d/b)
29/11-30/11 CU2X: Ilha de Sao Miguel WLOTA:2016 QSL OH2UA (d/b)
29/11-30/11 D4C: Ilha de Sao Vicente WLOTA:1976 QSL CT1ESV (b)
29/11-30/11 EA6IB: Isla de Ibiza WLOTA:0958 QSL EA5BM (d/b)
29/11-30/11 EF8M: Isla de Gran Canaria WLOTA:0969 QSL OH1RY (d/b)
29/11-30/11 FJ/WJ2O: Saint Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL HC (d/b)
29/11-30/11 FK8IF: New Caledonia WLOTA:1280 QSL QRZ.com
29/11-30/11 GU4YOX: Guernsey Island (main) WLOTA:0013 QSL d/b
29/11-30/11 IG9W: Isola di Lampedusa WAIL:SI-020, WLOTA:2312, WLOL:ITA-025, Admiralty E 2088 QSL IZ1GAR (d/b)
29/11-30/11 IG9X: Isola di Lampedusa WAIL:SI-020, WLOTA:2312, WLOL:ITA-025, Admiralty E 2088 QSL IK1QBT (d/b)
29/11-30/11 IH9M: Isola di Pantelleria WLOTA:0041 QSL IK7JWY (d/b)
29/11-30/11 IR9X: Sicilia Island (Sicily) WLOTA:1362 QSL LoTW
29/11-30/11 IR9Y: Sicilia Island WLOTA:1362 QSL IT9ABY (d/b)
29/11-30/11 J49XF: Nisos Kriti (Crete Isl) WLOTA:1400 QSL G3URA (d/b)
29/11-30/11 J68VV: St. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL K5WW + LoTW
29/11-30/11 J88DR: St. Vincent WLOTA:0492 QSL G3TBK (d/b)
29/11-30/11 KG6DX: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL Direct/LoTW
29/11-30/11 KP2M: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL AI4U (d/b)
29/11-30/11 KP4EE: Puerto Rico Island WLOTA:2802 QSL OK1DOT (d/b)
29/11-30/11 OH0Z: Aaland (main island) WLOTA:1373 QSL W0MM (d/b)
29/11-30/11 OH0/OH2LRE: Aaland (main island) WLOTA:1373 QSL HC (d/b)
29/11-30/11 OX5AA: Greenland WLOTA:0072 QSL G3TXF (d/b)
29/11-30/11 P40W: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL N2MM (d/LoTW)
29/11-30/11 PJ2T: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL N9AG (d/b/LoTW)
29/11-30/11 PJ4A: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL K4BAI (d/b/e)
29/11-30/11 SV9CVY: Nisos Kriti - Crete Island WLOTA:1400 QSL d/b
29/11-30/11 SX5R: Nisos Rodos WLOTA:0045 QSL SV5DKL (d)

29/11-30/11 TF3CW: Iceland WLOTA:2975 QSL LX1NO (d/b)
29/11-30/11 TO4X: St. Martin Island (FS) WLOTA:0383 QSL KQ1F (d/b)
29/11-30/11 VK8NSB: Australia (Main Island) WLOTA:1520 QSL VK6NE (d/b)
29/11-30/11 YB0DPO: Java WLOTA:1660 QSL TBA
29/11-30/11 YE1ZAT: Java WLOTA:1660 QSL Buro/e-QSL
29/11-30/11 YM0T: Kefken Adasi WLOTA:0691 QSL TA2RC (d)
29/11-30/11 ZC4VJ: Cyprus (UK Souvereign Bases) WLOTA:0892 QSL Direct
29/11-30/11 ZF2AM: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL K6AM (d/b)
29/11-30/11 ZM2M: New Zealand (N. Isl) WLOTA:0069 QSL ZL2AL (QRZ.com)
29/11-30/11 ZM4A: New Zealand (S. Isl) WLOTA:0342 QSL QRZ.com
30/11-07/12 8Q7GC: Ari Atoll WLOTA:0317 QSL UN8GC (QRZ.com)
30/11-07/12 8Q7GU: Ari Atoll WLOTA:0317 QSL UN8GU (QRZ.com)
03/12-09/12 KP2/WA2TII St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL HC (d/b)
04/12-07/12 YB3MM/9: West Timor WLOTA:1808 QSL IZ8CCW (d/b)
05/12-06/12 KP4/W3HQ: Puerto Rico Island WLOTA:2802 QSL HC (b)
05/12-06/12 P40TA: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL WM6A (b)
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SIX METERS & UP -

25/11-01/12 KP2/K3CT: St. Croix NA-106 6M Grid:FK77PR 1kW KLM 6m QSL HC (d/b)

25/11-01/12 KP2/K3TEJ: St. Croix NA-106 6M Grid:FK77PR 1kW KLM 6m QSL HC (d/b)

25/11-01/12 KP2/K3VA: St. Croix NA-106 6M Grid:FK77PR 1kW KLM 6m QSL HC (d/b)

25/11-02/12 OH3SR/VP9: Bermuda NA-005 6M & 2M Grid:FM72PI 100W 6m/2m yagi QSL HC (d/b)

25/11-01/12 PZ5TT: Paramaribo, Suriname Grid:GJ25JT 6M Hi-Pwr big 6el yagi QSL VE3DZ (d/b)

02/12-06/12 5K0T: Bajo Nuevo NA-132 6M 500W, DuneStar Rover 6 Quad QSL HA7RY (d/b)

03/12-09/12 KP2/WA2TII: St. Croix NA-106 6M Grid:FK77PR 1kW KLM 6m QSL HC (d/b)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 11-25-08)
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QSL INFO -

QSLs received Bureau - 8P8P, 8R1K, DK1MM, DQ2006T, EA1DDO, EA7ELY, EA8ZS, J6DX, JA3USA, JG2TKH, JM1NKT, LU9DAG, OH2U, OK1CF, RI1CGR, V31PP, VA3DFZ, VC3O and VE2DX.

QSLs received Direct - 1A4A (via IZ4DPV), 3B8CF (QRZ.com), 4U1UN (via HB9BOU), 5J0E (via W5PF), 7Q7VB (via UA4WHX), 8Q7XR (via M0DXR), 9L1X [AF-056] (via I2YSB), 9U0VB (via UA4WHX), BX5AA (QRZ.com), CN2R (via W7EJ), D60VB (via UA4WHX), EA4DS (QRZ.com), EI3IO (QRZ.com), ET3SID (QRZ.com), KH6LEM (via WA9UJM), NY1E (QRZ.com), S92FM (via CT1HHP), SV1UT (QRZ.com), UK8FF (via W3HNK), VK6ANC (QRZ.com), VK9CNC (via VK2CCC), VP6DX (via DL6LAU), XW1IC (via E21EIC), Z2/UA4WHX (via UA4WHX) and ZF1DX (via W8BLA).

QSLs received LoTW - 5H3RA, 7Q7OO, and VK9DWX.
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SILENT KEYS -

>From the CQ Newsroom... 25 November 2008

"Hashafisti Scratchi" a Silent Key

The man who wrote "Scratchi" for CQ magazine is a Silent Key. George H. Floyd, Jr., WA4DGA (ex-W2RYT), of Lynchburg, Virginia, entertained thousands of his fellow hams for more than two decades -- between 1947 and 1971 -- writing as a politically-incorrect (by today's standards) Japanese-American ham with fractured English and contorted spelling. He wrote from "Feenix, Ariz.," began each column with "Deer Hon. Ed.," and regularly skewered the pomposity and poor

operating practices he encountered on the air. He passed away 22 November 2008 at the age of 91.

In real life, George Floyd was an engineer and executive with General Electric, working in Schenectady and Syracuse, New York, before moving to Lynchburg, Virginia in the late 1950s. GE alumni will also remember George -- pseudonymously as well -- as "Lighthouse Larry" in GE employee publications.

Scratchi first appeared in CQ in June, 1947. The column became a regular feature between 1948 and 1960, then returned from 1966 to 1971. For many CQ readers in that time period, Scratchi was the first item they read when the magazine arrived each month. CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, writing in the magazine's 50th anniversary issue in January, 1995, said: "For many years the name Hashafisti Scratchi has been almost synonymous with confusion and consternation in amateur radio. It seems, too, that whenever the unusual or impossible is happening, Scratchi is there helping it happen."
Upon receiving news of George's passing, Ross noted, "As saddened as I am to learn of George's death, the mere mention of his name brings a smile to my face, knowing how his good humor and wonderfully creative imagination entertained so many of us for so many years."

Floyd was pre-deceased by his wife, Miriam; and is survived by two daughters, two granddaughters and six great-grandchildren. The family asks that those interested in making donations in Floyd's memory contribute to the Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or the Humane Society of the United States.

CQ readers are invited to submit reminiscences of Scratchi for a tribute in an upcoming issue of the magazine. A special e-mail address has been set up at <scratchi@cq-amateur-radio.com>.

>From the CQ Newsroom... 25 November 2008

Former ARRL President George Wilson, W4OYI, became a Silent Key today, according to family. George's involvement in ARRL matters had slowed in recent years after he suffered a stroke. However, he remained an active member of the Newsline Young Ham of the Year selection committee. No additional information is available at this time.

Russ Sakai, KH6FOO passed away on 20 November 2008 at the age of 58. He was one of the pioneers on 2 meter EME and gave out Hawaii to many.
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BITS & PIECES -

Short video clip from Slovak DXpedition to Palestine E4/OM2DX you can see on http://de.youtube.com/watch?v=6HDNMUvgkBo [OM3JW]

>From the CQ Newsroom...

Ed Muns, W0YK, Named CQ RTTY Contest Director

(Hicksville, NY November 24, 2008) -- Ed Muns, W0YK, of Los Gatos, California, has been named Director of CQ magazine's radioteletype (RTTY) contests, CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, announced today. CQ sponsors the world's two most popular annual RTTY competitions, the CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest each February and the CQ World Wide RTTY DX Contest every September.

Muns succeeds Glenn Vinson, W6OTC, who has been CQ's RTTY Contest Director since 2000, and who guided the events to their current levels of popularity. The number of logs submitted for the RTTY DX contest has tripled in the past eight years, despite declining sunspots throughout the period. "I am glad to have had this opportunity to help promote RTTY contesting," says Vinson, adding that Muns has already been working closely with other members of the CQ RTTY Contest Committee, software authors and other CQ contest directors to assure a smooth transition. "I feel very confident that these contests will continue to gain strength year over year."

Ed Muns was first licensed in 1962, and has been contesting since the 1970s. He has been active in RTTY contesting since 2004 and very quickly set two world records in operations from Aruba. He has also been the NA RTTY Sprint contest manager since 2005. Professionally, Ed is retired from a career as an engineering executive for Hewlett-Packard, and currently owns and operates a Pinot Noir vineyard in California that he started ten years ago.

Both Glenn and Ed point out that Glenn's original plan had been to transfer responsibility for the CQ RTTY contests to his co-director for the past several years, Paolo Cortese, I2UIY. However, Paolo unexpectedly became a Silent Key in October, 2008. Ed stepped in to fill the void that was created by Paolo's passing.

"We thank Glenn for his many years of service to our RTTY contests, and his great success in building up their popularity," noted CQ Editor Moseson, "and we welcome Ed to the CQ 'family' with thanks for his willingness to step up to the plate on short notice and take on this responsibility."

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Information about DPRN - Portuguese Natural Parks and Reserves Award Activities.
ADXG - Algarve DX Group will be on air with 4 activities for DPRN.
After our CT7LH# (lighthouses) and CT7CA# (Castles) now we have CT7FF# (Flora, Fauna).
CT7FFG - Natural Park do Valley do Guadiana Referencia DPRN FF-14, WWF CTFF-014 (6, 7 & 8 of December).
CT7FFE - Natural Park da Serra da Estrela Referencia DPRN FF-08, WWF CTFF-008 (26 & 27 of December).
CT7FFT - Natural Park do Tejo Internacional Referencia DPRN FF-13, WWF CTFF-013 (28 & 29 of December).
CT7FFM - Natural Reserve da Serra da Malcata Referencia DPRN FF-23, WWF CTFF-023 (30 December to 2 of January).
Band, Modes: 17, 20, 30 and 40 meter, SSB, CW and RTTY.
CT7FFG and CT7FFT - QSL via CT1GFK.
CT7FFE and CT7FFM - QSL via CT1IUA.

All information about DPRN can be find at: dprn.no.sapo.pt/dprn_eng.htm [CT1GFK]

MESSAGE: Rockall EU189, 2009
FROM: Col MM0NDX
November 25, 2008

I appreciate it would appear that there has been little news in the last few weeks but I can assure everyone that things have certainly been moving. I expect before Christmas that news of transportation to Rockall being secured will be announced.

Working in tandem with my friend Col, MM0NDX I am acutely aware of the interest shown in EU-189. With this in mind I would like to invite radio hams, be they individuals or clubs, to contact me with their proposals to be part of this exciting expedition. I require the following information to be included in the proposal.

The maximum and minimum number of berths that would be required.

A CV of previous radio activations of those that would be involved.

Any information of additional skills that would strengthen the depth of the expedition, for example any crewing of yacht/boat, tender experience or climbing ability.

The countries who have so far shown the greatest interest in the expedition are Belguim, France, Japan, Norway, UK and USA. I would especially like to hear from Japanese radio hams as not one operator from Japan has ever contacted Rockall. EU-189 is the most wanted IOTA in Japan.

Once the transport has been secured, the team for the expedition will be selected and dates announced. A website can be built especially for the radio hams and a QSL manager is already secured should you require these extras.

For all proposals in the first instance, please contact Andy at info@island-man within the next seven days.

....Island Man Rockall Expedition 2009 website (latest news) [MM0NDX]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html
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All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
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